

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**February 14, 2011**

City of Chula Vista, Council Chambers  
276 Fourth Avenue

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** By Chair Stillman at 4:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Stillman, Vice Chair Rahimzadeh, Commissioners Coleman, Cory, Davis, and Ross

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Hopkins, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Conservation Specialist Downs, and Sr. Secretary Fields

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeremy Hutman, Better Buildings Program Manager from California Center for Sustainable Energy

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of November 22, 2010 were approved.  
Minutes of January 10, 2011 were approved with the following amendment to Action Item # 1, NatureScape-In-a-Box Grant Application: Commissioner Cory submitted to Environmental Resource Specialist Castagnola a list of native trees that are fire resistant for consideration in the NatureScape-In-a-Box program.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Retrofit California Neighborhood Pilot Project

Conservation Specialist Cory Downs introduced Jeremy Hutman from the California Center for Sustainable Energy who made the presentation. He gave background information on the project, discussing the program at the national level and at the local level. He spoke about the neighborhood approach in Chula Vista, and then responded to questions from the board. The Chair asked that the board be provided with periodic updates on the project.

## 2. California Sustainability Showcase Award

Environmental Resource Manager Reed announced that the City will be receiving the 2010 California Sustainability Showcase Award from the California Sustainability Alliance, which is a public-private partnership that promotes energy efficiency and other sustainability measures throughout California. The City is receiving this award under the Local Government Sector Program. He commended all the departments, divisions, sections, and staff throughout the City that regularly work on environmental and sustainable projects. He added that Councilmember Bensoussan would be receiving the award. Joining her will be Councilmember Ramirez, Public Works Director Hopkins, Economic Development Director Meacham, Environmental Services Program Manager France, RCC Commissioner Rahimzadeh, and Environmental Resource Manager Reed.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### 1. RCC Membership

Public Works Director Hopkins mentioned the current vacancy on the commission and asked the board to make a recommendation to fill it. Chair Stillman suggested to the board that they look at friends and colleagues they may work with for membership suggestions.

Action: Commissioner Rahimzadeh made a motion that the Resource Conservation Commission recommend that the City Council fill the vacancy on the Commission. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Purpose and Intent of Commission

Director Hopkins went over the current scope of the commission's roles and responsibilities, and the proposed new scope, which would expand the type of projects the RCC would be involved with. He called the board's attention to copies of the RCC Charter, which were distributed on the dais, and mentioned some of the changes in it since it was originally created. He stated that over the next few RCC meetings they would be going over the new department structure of the Public Works Department, and that staff would be presenting areas of potential interest to the RCC related to conservation, energy saving, etc. in an attempt to help form a framework for the RCC's focused energies and the support that staff might provide to the RCC.

Managers Reed and France each discussed the current and future efforts in each of their areas. Environmental Resource Manager Reed discussed the Climate Action Plan, Energy Conservation, and Water Conservation. Chair Stillman asked staff to bring back to the RCC more on what they're doing regarding water reuse. Environmental Services Program Manager France discussed the various aspects of Materials Management.

The board discussed the topics presented, and Managers Reed and France responded to questions and comments.

Action: The item was continued. No action was taken.

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Hopkins mentioned the following upcoming items:

- Historic Presentation Ordinance
- Electrical Generating Policy
- Climate Adaptation
- The continued RCC Action Plan

## **CHAIR COMMENTS**

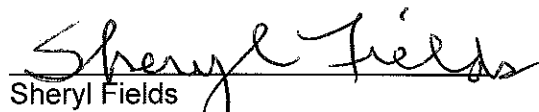
Chair Stillman suggested adding a "Future To Do List" section to the agendas going forward.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

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